(c) what is the feedback of Mid-Day Meal Scheme which started from early 2005 and how far it has improved in the tribal/SC regions of Jharkhand and Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) The guidelines of the Mid-Day Meal Scheme provide for Central Assistance for cooked Mid-Day Meal during summer vacations to children of primary and upper primary schools in areas declared as drought-affected by State Governments.

(b) On the request of State Governments of Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Mizoram, Central Assistance, as per details given below, has been provided to these States so far for providing cooked mid-day meal during summer vacations in drought affected areas:-

Name of State	Year	Foodgrain Allocated (in MTs)	Recurring Central Assistance released (Rs. in Lacs)
Madhya Pradesh (21 Districts)	2005-06	8415.30	715.30
Madhya Pradesh (151 Tehsils)	2008-09	26393.70	4472.90
Uttar Pradesh (9 Districts)	2008-09	7589.27	1238.65
Mizoram (Whole State)	2008-09	734.21	35.00 (25% of admissible of Rs. 140.61 Lacs)

The States of Orissa and Jharkhand have not made any proposals in this regard.

(c) The State Governments of Orissa and Jharkhand have reported that the scheme has attracted the students of tribal/SC regions and resulted in increase in enrollment and decrease in dropout rates.

Corpus fund of IIMs

1446.SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has allowed the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) at Ahmedabad, Bangalore and Kolkata to raise funds and build a corpus of their own;

(b) if so, when the permission was given;

(c) the respective funds available as corpus with each of these three IIMs;

(d) whether these funds of IIMs are meant to help brilliant young people of all communities from rural areas; and

(e) the steps proposed to select, guide and admit students from minority communities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The Government has allowed the IIMs at Ahmedabad, Bangalore and Kolkata to raise funds and build a corpus of their own under Revised Pattern of Funding in the year 1994.

(c) The corpus with each of these three IIMs at Ahmedabad, Bangalore and Kolkata as on 31.03.2008 is Rs.5009.72 lakh, Rs.3614.00 lakh and Rs. 11018.00 lakh respectively.

(d) The interest earned on the corpus fund is used by the IIMs in running the Educational Programmes of the Institutes which would help brilliant young people of all communities of both Urban & Rural areas. The Institutes have separate scheme for extending financial assistance to students under "Need Based Policy".

(c) The Institutes do not have special scheme to admit students belonging to minority category.

IIT at Medak

1447.SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry had received a request from Andhra Pradesh Government to issue necessary orders for starting the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) at Medak from the academic year 2008-09, as the notification for Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) for admission to the IITs had already been issued in November, 2007;

(b) if so, the latest status of the request; and

(c) the details of the courses proposed started in IIT, Medak and infrastructure/ facilities provided there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) An Indian Institute of Technology has been set up at Medak, Andhra Pradesh on 17th July, 2008. Classes have already been started with a total of 116 students in B.Tech. courses in Computer Science & Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering from the current academic session of 2008-09, at a temporary campus at Ordnance Factory, Medak, where necessary infrastructure have been provided. Land for the permanent campus of IIT in Andhra Pradesh has also been finalised.

Shortage of teachers in primary and middle schools

1448.SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR:
SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of eight lakh teachers in primary and middle schools; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the steps taken by Government to meet this shortage which would increase to 35 lakh by 2011, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) As per data provided in the District Information System of Education (DISE) for 2006-07, the Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR) for primary and upper primary level is 36:1 and 32:1 respectively in the country, which is better than the national norm of 40:1.

The only States where the PTR is adverse is Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal, for which the States receive assistance under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan to appoint teachers.